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Director

June 14, 2002

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: 
Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: WELFARE FRAUD ARRESTS

This is to advise you that District Attorney (DA) Investigators who conduct selected welfare fraud investigations completed a series of arrests today on fourteen (14) welfare cases and twenty nine (29) individuals. The amount of fraud on individual cases range from about \$38,000 to over \$200,000. Please note that the DA plans to issue a press release Monday, June 17, 2002.

The types of fraud on the cases vary, but involve situations such as individuals with unreported sizable assets and those who have hidden assets by transferring them to other individuals. The persons arrested today are considered to be more sophisticated and successful than the usual welfare fraud perpetrator.

My staff continues to work with the DA's office to identify how our anti-fraud systems might be further strengthened to help detect these kinds of fraud. There are a number of automated fraud detection systems in operation as well as the County's Central Fraud Reporting Line (323-777-4959) and the We-Tip Fraud Hotline (800-782-7463).

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cc: Chief Administrative Officer
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